**Triumphant in Christ**

2Co 2:14 Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.

**Gen**. 49:22 Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall:

23 The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him:

24 But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)

Ps 105:17 He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: 18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron:

19 Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.

1. Joseph’s places of blessing
   1. At Home

Gen. 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.

* + 1. Dreamed dreams
  1. In Egypt
  2. In prison in Egypt

Ge 39:2 And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.

3 And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

5 And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and **the blessing of the LORD** was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field.

21 But the LORD was with Joseph, and shewed him mercy, and gave him favour in the sight of the keeper of the prison.

23 The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the LORD was with him, and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

* The Lord let Joseph know that He would be with him.
  1. By a well
  2. Over the wall
  3. In war
  4. In prison,temptation,trial

23 The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him:

1. There are enemies to be aware of

A. Archers-(Masters of arrows)bow and arrow- firery darts

Not swordsmans but archers-they make their attack from afar

* + - 1. His own brothers, People he worked for

Ge 37:4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

1. Enemies make cruel attacks
   1. sorely grieved him
   2. shot at him
   3. hated him

24 But his bow abode in strength (IISa 1:18teach, Judah the use of the bow)

The Prayer of Faith He rested while they raged (The mighty are falling)

I Cor. 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

1. Prevailing prayer is a shielded warrior.(virtue,Courage,wisdom,faith)

Jas 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

19 And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel,

“The arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob”

1. The secret of the shielded warrior’s strength

* Divine strength---Covenant strength, Everlasting covenant Salvation Covenant
  + Covenant Grace, Truth, Mercy, Promises, blessings, help
* “made strong by the hands of the mighty God”
* Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Made strong against envy

Made strong against Hate

Made strong against lies

Joseph endured the Archers, the brethren, Tempter, the prison and famine

If you want truth to go around the world you will have to carry it everywhere you go

Lies are being spread by word of mouth by a bad spirit

Truth is spread by word of mouth by the Power of the Holy Ghost

(from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)

* Christ the Shepherd

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

1Pe 2:25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

* Christ the Stone

Zec 4:7 Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it.

(O great Mountain)---Power of the adversaries

Ps 80:1 , A Psalm of Asaph.>> Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth.

Like in the Tabernacle, temple (now) as Pentecost, as 1906?

* But as thou hast promised to us

2Pe 1:1 Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

1. Jacob’s places of blessing
   1. At Home
      1. Father and Mother’s blessing

Ge 27:15 And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her eldest son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them upon Jacob her younger son:

Ge 27:27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD hath blessed:

28 Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:

29 Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

Dew of Heaven and Fatness of the earth.

Plenty, Power and Pureness

Material blessings, Political blessings and Spiritual Blessings.

* 1. Mahanaim

Ge 32:1 And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

2 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God’s host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim. {Mahanaim: that is, Two hosts, or, camps}

* The Lord let Jacob know he was not alone
  1. Bethel

Jacob’s blessing was with him even to the end.

Jacob loved Joseph because of Rachel

Jacob loved Joseph because he was the son of his old age.

Jacob loved Joseph because of Joseph’s troubles.